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PLANNING
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METHODOLOGY ADOPTED FOR POVERTY ESTIMATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Ministers of some States expressed their concern over the methodology adopted for determining the extent of poverty in the country during their meeting in National Development Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter was referred to the Expert Group headed by the Economists;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has received the report of the Expert Group;

(f) if so, the main suggestions/recommendations made therein; and (g) the details of the proposed action taken by the Government for implementing the important suggestions made by the Expert Group ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a)&(b): In the 54th meeting of the National Development Council held on 19th December 2007, Chief Ministers of some States mentioned about the differences between the official estimates of poverty made by the Planning Commission and the number of poor identified by the State Governments.

(c) &(d): The matter is currently under consideration by an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Professor Suresh D. Tendulkar, the Chairman of the National Statistical Commission.

(e): No, Sir.

(f) & (g): Do not arise.